



St Mary's Bungendore
St Joseph's Gundaroo
St Peter & Paul's Hoskinstown
St Joseph's Tarago

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Fr. Sijo Jose Parish Priest



Sunday 09 November 2025, The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

BUNGENDORE PARISH TEAM

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Baptisms: Baptisms will be on Saturday's at 11:00am

Please email the parish office to arrange a baptism.

Weddings: Please contact Parish office; at least six months notice required.

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BUNGENDORE, BRAIDWOOD and REGION MASS TIMES

Bungendore : Sunday 8:30am; Weekday Mass: Wednesday and Friday 9:00am

Sacrament of Reconciliation: After Wednesday or Friday Mass

Braidwood: Thursday 10:15am and Saturday 5:00pm

Gundaroo: 2nd & 4th Sunday of each month at 10:30am; Baptisms will be conducted during Mass on these dates.

Hoskinstown: 1st Sunday of each month at 10:30am

REFLECTION by Greg Sunter

The Lateran Basilica: Today we celebrate the feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica. The Lateran Basilica is the cathedral church of the Pope, who also holds the position of Bishop of Rome. It is considered the most important Catholic church because it contains the *Cathedra Romana*, the symbol of the teaching authority of the Bishop of Rome. The basilica was first dedicated in 324 after the property was donated to the Church by Emperor Constantine, the first Roman emperor to accept Christianity. Whilst we celebrate the dedication of this most important church, at the same time we celebrate all churches throughout the world.

What is a Basilica, and how does it differ from a cathedral or church? The Latin word originally simply described a public building. Once the Roman Empire adopted Christianity, the name came to mean a large, important church. So the term has both architectural and ecclesial meanings. Only the pope can declare a particular church to be a basilica. When this happens the basilica is given specific symbols and insignia that identify it as a basilica and of greater importance as a church building. There are approximately 1500 basilicas around the world, some identified as major basilicas and others as minor basilicas.

Please pray for: Viktoria Kovacs, Frank Shugg, Erwin Feeken, Sheather family, Roger Cutbill, Diana Robertson, Luke Alam, Bob Angel, Peter Gagliardi, Annie Nikolaou, Stewart Briggs, Ed Cory, Cassandra Mallia, Bob Yates, Ann Reardon, Mary Coombe, Wayne Smith, Karen Toscan, Rene Mallia, Ken & Cathy Vine, Elizabeth Van Gessel, Barb Rayner, Fr. Mick Burke, Adrian van Prooyen, Carol-Jayne McManus, Mary & Peter McCullagh, Peter Hugonnet & Terry Reardon.

Recently Deceased:

Anniversaries:

November Mass Offerings: David John Swiggs, Frances Swiggs, Barbara Buckley, James Buckley, Annette Wain, Joseph Montesin, Kelenia Montesin, Monica Montesin, Patrick Mallia, Charlie Mallia



The Parish of St Mary's, Bungendore acknowledges the Ngunnawal and Ngambri people, the Traditional Custodians who have walked upon and cared for this land for many thousands of years. We acknowledge the continued deep spiritual attachment and relationship of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples to this country and commit ourselves to the ongoing journey of Reconciliation.

Entrance Antiphon

Cf Revelation 21:2

I saw the holy city, a new Jerusalem,
coming down out of heaven from God,
prepared like a bride adorned for her husband.

or

Cf Revelation 21:3

Behold God's dwelling with the human race.
He will dwell with them and they will be his people,
and God himself with them will be their God.

First reading

Ezekiel 47:1-2, 8-9, 12

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel

I see water flowing from the temple and all who were touched by it were saved.

The angel brought me to the entrance of the Temple, where a stream came out from under the Temple threshold and flowed eastwards, since the Temple faced east. The water flowed from under the right side of the Temple, south of the altar. He took me out by the north gate and led me right round outside as far as the outer east gate where the water flowed out on the right-hand side. The man went to the east holding his measuring line and measured off a thousand cubits; he then made me wade across the stream; the water reached my ankles. He measured off another thousand and made me wade across the stream again; the water reached my knees. He measured off another thousand and made me wade across again; the water reached my waist. He measured off another thousand; it was now a river which I could not cross; the stream had swollen and was now deep water, a river impossible to cross. He then said, 'Do you see, son of man?' He took me further, then brought me back to the bank of the river. When I got back, there were many trees on each bank of the river. He said, 'This water flows east down to the Arabah and to the sea; and flowing into the sea it makes its waters wholesome. Wherever the river flows, all living creatures teeming in it will live. Fish will be very plentiful, for wherever the water goes it brings health, and life teems wherever the river flows. Along the river, on either bank, will grow every kind of fruit tree with leaves that never wither and fruit that never fails; they will bear new fruit every month, because this water comes from the sanctuary. And their fruit will be good to eat and the leaves medicinal.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 45:2-3, 5-6, 8-9. R. v.5

(R.) The waters of the river gladden the city of God.

1. God is for us a refuge and strength,
a helper close at hand, in time of distress:
so we shall not fear though the earth should rock,
though the mountains fall into the depths of the sea.
(R.)

2. The waters of a river give joy to God's city,
the holy place where the Most High dwells.
God is within, it cannot be shaken;
God will help it at the dawning of the day. **(R.)**
3. The Lord of hosts is with us:
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.
Come, consider the works of the Lord,
the redoubtable deeds he has done on the earth.
(R.)

Second reading

1 Corinthians 3:9-11, 16-17

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

You are the temple of God.

You are God's building. By the grace God gave me, I succeeded as an architect and laid the foundations, on which someone else is doing the building. Everyone doing the building must work carefully. For the foundation, nobody can lay any other than the one which has already been laid, that is Jesus Christ. Didn't you realise that you were God's temple and that the Spirit of God was living among you? If anybody should destroy the temple of God, God will destroy him, because the temple of God is sacred; and you are that temple.

Gospel Acclamation

2 Chronicles 7:16

Alleluia, alleluia!

I have chosen and sanctified this house, says the Lord,
that my name may remain in it for all time.
Alleluia!

Gospel

John 2:13-22

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

He spoke about the temple of his own body.

Just before the Jewish Passover Jesus went up to Jerusalem, and in the Temple he found people selling cattle and sheep and pigeons, and the money changers sitting at their counters there. Making a whip out of some cord, he drove them all out of the Temple, cattle and sheep as well, scattered the money changers' coins, knocked their tables over and said to the pigeon-sellers, 'Take all this out of here and stop turning my Father's house into a market'. Then his disciples remembered the words of scripture: Zeal for your house will devour me. The Jews intervened and said, 'What sign can you show us to justify what you have done?' Jesus answered, 'Destroy this sanctuary, and in three days I will raise it up'. The Jews replied, 'It has taken forty-six years to build this sanctuary: are you going to raise it up in three days?' But he was speaking of the sanctuary that was his body, and when Jesus rose from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the scripture and the words he had said.

Communion Antiphon

Cf Peter 2:5

Be built up like living stones,
into a spiritual house, a holy priesthood.

PARISH NEWS

08 November | Archbishop's Day of Teaching for the Renewal

Come to the 11th Archbishop's Day of Teaching for Charismatic Renewal on Saturday 8 November 2025, 8:30am to 4:00pm at St Peter Chanel's Church, Weston St, Yarralumla, ACT. Archbishop Christopher Prowse and Brother Lalith Perera (CRL, Sri Lanka) will speak on the Jubilee theme 'Pilgrims of Hope'. Talks, praise and worship, Holy Mass, Healing prayer ministry, morning tea and Sausage Sizzle lunch - all free! A collection will be taken.

To register: <https://shorturl.at/6WK7C> or call 0423 658 326.

10-15 November - Clergy Retreat - Galong

Fr Sijo will be away from the parish Monday 10 - Friday 15 November at the Clergy Retreat in Galong. There will be Liturgy of the Word at 9:00am Wednesday and Friday. Please keep the priests of the Archdiocese in your prayers during this faith renewing time.

24 November | Remembering lives lost to suicide | 6:00pm – 7:00pm

Join us in Canberra to remember precious lives lost and to support those impacted.

If you've been impacted by the loss of a loved one to suicide, join a community who share the experience of bereavement. Counsellors will be present to offer support.

The event will feature music, stories of lived experience and hope, and a sunflower ceremony. Attendees are welcome to bring a photo and share a personal tribute on our memorial wall.

Wesley LifeForce Suicide Memorial Service
Old Parliament House - The Members' Dining Room 1
18 King George Terrace

Volunteer Scripture Teacher Needed – Bungendore Public School

Are you looking for a meaningful way to share your faith and make a difference in the lives of young people? St Mary's and The Sisters of Charity are seeking a volunteer to teach Scripture at Bungendore Primary School on Tuesdays from 2:10pm -3:10pm. You'll be using the *Christ Our Light and Life* program, which includes student books and a clear teaching manual to guide each lesson.

The current volunteer (Mary-Anne Curran - 0450 917 865) is happy to speak with anyone interested and share their experience.

A Working with Children Check is required—the parish can assist you with this process.

This important role needs to be filled by the end of 2025.

If you feel called to this ministry or would like more information, please contact the parish office at

bungendore@cg.org.au

Your time could light the way for the next generation.

Missionaries of Charity Home Visits

The Missionaries of Charity (Mother Teresa Sisters) teach Scripture at Bungendore Public School on Tuesday afternoons. As part of their mission, they also visit those who are elderly, sick, or in need of company and prayer. They would like to extend this mission to include members of the Bungendore Parish community from 3:30pm on Tuesdays. If you, or someone you know, would like a visit from the Sisters, please contact Sr Marie-Louise on 0476 038 276 or 02 6297 1296

Volunteers Award 2025 Nomination—Pauline Segeri

Pauline is seeking your support for the Volunteers Award 2025. Voting is now open and closes on Monday 10 November 2025, 12:00pm. Please go to the website <https://volunteeringact.org.au/2025-volunteering-awards/2025-canberras-choice-award/> for more details and search for Pauline's name.

Vocations Discernment Dinners - alternating between a presbytery and the Archbishop's House - First Thursday of the month

Vocations Discernment Dinners - alternating between a presbytery and the Archbishop's House . For men interested in discerning a call to the Priesthood. A hearty meal provided with insightful discussions & prayer. To RSVP please contact vocations director Fr Emil emil.milat@cg.org.au.

Position Vacant – Parish Officer (Mary Help of Christians Parish, South Woden)

People are invited to apply for the position of Parish Officer, Mary Help of Christians Parish. This is a permanent part-time position of 24 hours per week (preference Tues- Fri, times negotiable). For a copy of the Duty Statement please contact the Parish Priest, Fr Emil Milat 0414 523 036 or the Parish Office wodensouth@cg.org.au

Applications addressing the Selection Criteria and current CV to be sent to Fr Emil Milat emil.milat@cg.org.au by CoB Friday 21 November 2025.

Wednesday & Friday @ St Mary's

9:00am Mass followed by Rosary. Join us after at The Gathering for a cuppa on Wednesday.

Social Sunday 's, third Sunday in November is the 16th. Please stay for a cuppa.

Congratulations and welcome to our faith community

*Darcy Gorman baptised on 8th November 2025.
Please keep Darcy and his family in your prayers.*

LITURGICAL ROSTER

Sunday 9th November 2025 8:30 am

R1; R2: David Bishop & Alison Bishop

Minister of the Altar: Anna Melek

Welcomer: Julie-Ann Snudden

Offertory:

Sunday 16th November 2025 8:30 am

R1; R2: Catherine Mueller & Pauline Segeri

Minister of the Altar: David Bishop

Welcomer: Julie-Ann Snudden

Offertory: Jenny Amey & Helen Jewell

Church Cleaning

November: Helen Jewell

December: Tess Montesin
& Rene Mallia



Thank you!

Plaques for Memorial Wall

We are now taking orders for plaques for the memorial wall. Please contact the office for more details.

The format shown here will be the one used.



BUNGENDORE PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Helen Jewell

David Bishop

Jenny Amey

Chris Murdock

Catherine Mueller

BUNGENDORE PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL

Greg Darmody

Michele Murdock

Richard Konarski

Ian Cusack

Stephen Dunkerley

REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

Tents of God's Presence: The tabernacle in our churches should look like a tent with a cloth covering and 'tent flaps' at the front.

Why a tent? Because when the Jewish people escaped slavery in Egypt, they wandered through the wilderness for forty years carrying a tent where God's presence was especially strongly experienced. It was where they went for guidance and to pray for protection – to the *travelling* dwelling place of God.

At the beginning of St John's Gospel, we usually translate it to read that the Word of God 'became flesh and dwelt amongst us'. (John 1:14) The Greek word translated 'dwelt' could be better translated '*pitched his tent among us!*' The Divine Presence is once again travelling around, this time embodied in Jesus of Nazareth. He *personally* is the *true* tent of God's Presence.

Death temporarily dismantled this tent but, as our Lord foresaw, the tent would be raised again in three days.

There is another way in which God's Presence is especially focused in the world, namely in you and me! St Paul calls the Christian community at Corinth: 'A holy building or temple in which God's Spirit dwells.'

Does our parish, does our Church, rise to the challenge and act in ways which reveal to the world who we are:

- Tabernacles of God's Presence in the world,
- Tents in whom God has chosen to dwell.



The Parish of St Mary's, Bungendore and the Archdiocese of Canberra-Goulburn are committed to the care, wellbeing and protection of children, young people and people at risk in our community. We endeavour to create safe spaces where we can have meaningful conversations with children and adults at risk about their safety. If you wish to discuss something with our Safeguarding Representative please talk to Sarah Dunkerley or confidentially email: bungendore.safeguarding@cg.org.au You may also wish to contact Maria Hicks (Manager) Institute for Professional Standards & Safeguarding 6239 9806 / ipss@cg.org.au